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DEDICATION

This issue of "The Alphabet" is gratefully dedicated to the members of Epsilon — the perfect hosts!

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1953-54**

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trict 5, Mr. Robert Jones, Tempe,
Arizona.

From the Executive Secretary's Office

A super-tremendous orchid is due Epsilon and everyone who contributed to the success of the National Convention—a success far exceeding our fondest hopes! Thanks!!!

We are happy to announce that, as we go to press, plans are being completed for the installation of two new Chapters—Kappa, at Millerville State Teachers College, Penn., on May 12; and Lambda, at Louisiana State University, on May 14.

We congratulate Eta, the chapter which has enrolled the largest number of Alumni Members during 1953-54!

Congratulations are also in order for Zeta because of the very fine "Library Handbook" prepared for the users of the Concord College Library.

We are pleased to note that Gamma and Zeta Chapters are now using official ABA letterhead stationery.

The Nominating Committee, Donna Baily (Gamma), Yonova Muncy (Theta), and Mary Jane Weaver (Beta), have nominated the following as National Officers for 1954-55—President Rebecca Adams (Eta); Vice-President, Jane Horner (Gamma); Treasurer, Fleming Thomas (Alpha); and Executive Secretary, Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha).

Alumni Members, note that beginning next fall "The Alphabet" will be issued three times per year instead

New Members

ALPHA CHAPTER

Student Members: Mary B. Bailey, Claiborne, La.; Catherine Basco, Gorum, La.; Daisy Cox, Natchitoches, La.; Bessie Mae Davis, Baton Rouge, La.; Barbara Johnson, Pioneer, La.; Wanda Jordan, Natchitoches, La.; Nell Morgan, Shongaloo, La.; Frank Petty, Mansfield, La.; and Marcy Wallace, Montgomery, La.

Professional Members: Mr. Carroll Bennett, Natchitoches, La.; and Miss Mary Robson, Natchitoches, La.

Alumni Member: Mrs. Laura Jones Bowers, 200 Madison St., Canton, Miss.

BETA CHAPTER

Student Members: Cleo Battle, Jackson, Miss.; Earline Brister, McComb, Miss.; Patti Carr, Sumner, Miss.; Mabel Claire Davis, Benoit, Miss.; Mary Helmes, Greenville, Miss.; Myrtice Helmes, Greenville, Miss.; Frances Kea, Rulesville, Miss.; Sally Ann McLeod, Jackson, Miss.; Ouida Steele, Starkville, Miss.; Lake Strain, Tupelo, Miss.; Jackie Tilly, Indianola, Miss.; Shirley Triplett, Macon, Miss.; and Mary Virginia Younger, Louisville, Miss.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Student Members: Hilda Aishe, Odon, Ind.; Joyce Collins, Terre Haute, Ind.; Jane Horner, Paoli, Ind.; Jeanette Inaba, Kealahuehwa, Hawaii; Carol Molter, Terre Haute, Ind.; Helen Mosteller, Brazil, Ind.; Marilyn Nale, Brazil, Ind.; Rose Williams, Odon, Ind.; and Sara Youman, Terre Haute, Ind.

DELTA CHAPTER

Student Members: Jean Buford, Hurtsboro, Ala.; and Alma Shaw, Aliceville, Ala.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Student Members: Betsy Carr, Cadiz, Ky.; Frances Fox, Paducah, Ky.; Dorothy Spence, Sheridan, Ky.;

of twice. Since our little magazine is published especially for you, and we really and truly want you to get every issue, won't you please let us know if you fail to receive your issue regularly—and do let us know whenever you change your address.

IN MEMORIAM

Lorena Cullison (Gamma)
Sarah McClurkin Motherwell (Delta)
Cornelia Eastland (Alpha)

and Jacquelyn Vaughan, Frankfort, Ky.

Professional Member: Dr. Hensley Woodbridge, Murray Ky.

Alumni Members: Anna Mae Bolinger, Pleasant Hill, Ill.; Mrs. Lucile Mitchell, Paducah, Ky.; Glenna Piersall, Fort Campbell, Ky.

ZETA CHAPTER

Alumni Member: Juanita Grant, Bluefield, W. Va.

ETA CHAPTER

Student Members: Dolores Hodde, Brenham, Tex.; Jane Killingsworth, Mineola, Tex.; Marjorie Scantland, Texarkana, Tex.; Charlene Seth, Leachburg, Pa.; and Laura Wisdom, Bonham, Tex.

Professional Members: Miss Genevieve Dixon, Denton, Tex.; and Miss Dora Floyd, Denton, Tex.

Alumni Members: Naomi Bearden, Cokesbury Book Store, Dallas, Tex.; Elizabeth Frances Cabron, Graduate School, TSCW, Denton, Tex.; Selma Dewitt, Librarian, Sinton High School, Sinton, Tex.; Jean Dickinson, Texarkana, Tex.; Mary Ann Dodd, Librarian, Simms Public Library, Simms, Tex.; Marcelle Foster, Librarian, Thomas Jefferson High School, Port Arthur, Tex.; Renee B. Feeney, Librarian, Denton High School, Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Ruby Fitzpatrick, Librarian, Celeste School, Celeste, Tex.; Mrs. E. R. Gibson, Librarian, Ranger Junior College, Ranger, Tex.; Joan Hunter, Librarian, Brownsville High School, Brownsville, Tex.

Mrs. Joseph Jackson, Library Consultant, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, 1112 Bell St., Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Helen B. Kraft, Head of Dept. of Library Science, Arkansas A. & M. College, College Heights, Ark.; Sue B. Moseley, Librarian, Sanderson High School, Sanderson, Tex.; Cecelia Peplowski, 1320 Madison Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.; Adda Powers, Librarian, Olethe High School, Olethe, Colo.; Mrs. W. A.

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky, March 19-20, 1954)

On Friday, March 19, 1954, members of Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, and Eta Chapters, and a number of persons outstanding in the field of librarianship converged on the campus of Murray State College, Murray, Ky., to participate in the most significant convocation of undergraduate Library Science students ever held in the United States. There was a fun a-plenty, but the group worked hard at the job of determining policies and of formulating plans for the future development of the Fraternity as a potent national force for the strengthening and betterment of librarianship.

Registration and a preliminary business meeting of official delegates and officers were held in the morning; and a display was set up, featuring the prize-winning ABA scrapbook, wall-plaques of the crest and key, and the fraternity jewelry. But the Convention was officially launched at 2:00 p.m., in a large, attractive room on the library mezzanine, when Dr. Ralph Woods, President of Murray State College, extended the heartiest of welcomes to the delegates assembled for the first general session; Pat Hankins gave a sparkling response. Betty Barrow, the presiding officer, then recognized the Official Chapter Delegates. As the climax to this session, Mr. Arthur Hamlin, Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, delivered the provocative keynote address of the Convention, "Unlimited Horizons—The College Scene"; it was most fitting that Mr. Hamlin should speak at the first session because of his close association with ABA since its founding, and because of the important contributions that he has made to the development of the Fraternity.

After the Meeting, members of the MSC library staff served tea in the lovely Library Science Lounge; then followed a conducted tour of the college campus.

The high-point of the Convention was the banquet held on Friday night in the grand dining room of the palatial Kenlake Hotel, a resort overlook-

ing beautiful Kentucky Lake, about fifteen miles from Murray. The excellence of the food, the floral decorations (including a floral reproduction of the ABA coat-of-arms), the candles, the banquet favors, the excellent program, the charming manner in which President Barrow presided, all contributed to making the occasion a truly festive and enjoyable one.

The invocation was given by Rev. Orville Austin, Pastor of the College Presbyterian Church. Dr. Eugene Watson read excerpts from various communications that had been received; then he and Miss Rezina Senter, Sponsor of Epsilon, introduced the guests present. Miss Louise Galloway, Kentucky State Supervisor of School Libraries, brought personal greetings from the Honorable Lawrence W. Wetherby, Governor of Kentucky. After the introductions, the assembled group were privileged to hear two vocal solos rendered by Dr. E. J. Humeston, Director of the University of Kentucky Library School. Mr. David Clift, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, delivered the major address of the Convention, "The Sounding Furrows"; taking his theme from a passage in Tennyson's "Ulysses," Mr. Clift spoke inspiringly of the extremely important part which librarians are called upon to play in the troubled and confused world of today. Following the address, the genial Dr. Woods awarded prizes to the people who were fortunate enough to have drawn the lucky numbers—the prizes were four handsome lamps and a half-dozen pairs of nylon hose; a number of bags of popcorn were distributed as consolation prizes (all prizes were donated by manufacturing firms in the city of Murray). The evening's activities were concluded with a formal initiation ceremony, during which five active members were inducted into Epsilon Chapter, and Mr. Clift became the twelfth honorary member of the Fraternity.

Saturday's events began early with a breakfast prepared by the Epsilones for the Executive Council, the

Official Chapter Delegates, and the Chapter Sponsors; the meal was served before an open fireplace in the cozy and home-like recreation room of the annex to the College Presbyterian Church.

The second general session, which was also held on the library mezzanine, was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice-President, Virginia Shillings, who opened the meeting by introducing Dr. Humeston. Shifting from his singing voice to his speaking voice, Dr. Humeston gave a most interesting and informative talk on "Horizons in the Public and Special Library Fields."

President Barrow then resumed the chair to conduct the business session. Dr. Watson discussed the nature and purposes of the Fraternity and briefly outlined its history since the date of its founding, May 3, 1950; then the Official Delegates from each Chapter reported on the activities and the long-range plans of his Chapter. After the reports were completed, several proposed projects and various other business matters were discussed by the members.

The third and final general session was a luncheon-meeting in the dining room at the Murray Woman's Club, with President Barrow presiding. Miss Louise Meredith, Tennessee State Supervisor of School Libraries, in her down-to-earth talk, "School Librarianship and You," discussed the nature of school library work, with its tribulations and its rich rewards. The closing address of the Convention, "The Significance of the Library Fraternity Movement," was delivered by Dr. Harold Lancour, Associate Director of the University of Illinois Library School, and Sponsor of Beta Phi Mu, the National Library Science Honor Fraternity. Dr. Lancour very effectively pointed out the great potentialities for bettering librarianship which are to be found in the rapidly-developing "fraternity movement."

Saturday afternoon was devoted to a tour of the Kentucky Lake region, with its magnificent scenery.

The Executive Council, the Official Chapter Delegates, and the Chapter Sponsors re-assembled in the Presbyterian recreation room for a supper meeting; after the meal, a

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THOSE WHO SENT GREETINGS—

Hon. Lawrence W. Wetherby, Governor of Kentucky.

Miss Flora B. Ludington, President, American Library Association.

Mr. Quincy Mumford, President-Elect, American Library Association.

Mr. Clarence Graham, Past-President, American Library Association.

Miss Lucile Keck, President, Special Libraries Association.

Dr. Harriet MacPherson, President, Association of College and Reference Libraries.

Mr. Guy R. Lyle, President-Elect, Association of College and Reference Libraries.

Mrs. Dorothy H. Crosland, President, Southeastern Library Association.

Dr. Lawrence S. Thompson, Director, University of Kentucky Libraries, and Honorary Member of ABA.

Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, Director, Joint University Libraries.

OFFICIAL CHAPTER DELEGATES

Alpha—Fleming Thomas, Ringgold, La.

Beta—Mary Jane Weaver, Columbus, Miss.

Gamma—Donna Bailey, Greencastle, Ind.

Delta—Rubie Jean Aultman, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Epsilon—Brinda Smith, Murray, Kentucky.

Zeta—Joan Hurley, Jalo, W.Va.

Eta—Rebecca Adams, Dallas, Tex.

Theta—Mr. Robert Jones* Tempe, Arizona.

Iota—Doris Gourley, San Jose, Cal.

*Unable to attend the Convention.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT—

MEMBERS: Honorary: David H. Clift, Executive Secretary, American Library Association; and Arthur T. Hamlin, Executive Secretary, Association of College and Reference Libraries. **Alpha Chapter:** Student: Dorothy Carnahan, Patricia Hankins, and Fleming Thomas. Professional: Dr. Eugene P. Watson. **Beta Chapter:** Student: Cleo Battle and Mary Jane Weaver. **Gamma Chapter:** Student: Donna Bailey, Nellie Brattain, Marilyn Nale, Virginia Shillings, and Sarah Youman. Professional: Miss Nelle McCalla. Alumni: Maryann Peters. **Delta Chapter:** Student: Mozelle Allen, Rubie Jean Aultman, Bet-

ty Barrow, and Margaret Morgan. **Epsilon Chapter:** Student: Mary Ann Brady, Betsy Carr, Frances Fox, Barbara Grubbs, Nell Mabry, Nancy May, Brinda Smith, Dorothy Spence, Nellie Strickland, and Jacquelyn Vaughn. Professional: Miss Rezina Senter and Dr. Hensley Woodbridge. Alumni: Anne Mae Bolinger and Glenda Piersall. **Zeta Chapter:** Student: Joan Hurley. **Eta Chapter:** Student: Rebecca Adams.

NON-MEMBERS: Dr. Ralph Woods, President of Murray State College; Mrs. Ralph Woods; Dr. Harold Lancour, Associate Director, University of Illinois Library School; Dr. E. J. Humeston, Director, University of Kentucky Library School; Mr. William Jesse, Director of University of Tennessee Libraries; Miss Louise Meredith, Supervisor of Tennessee School Libraries; Miss Louise Gallo-way, Supervisor of Kentucky School Libraries; Mr. H. D. Ferris, Librarian of the Martin Branch of the University of Tennessee.

Mrs. H. D. Ferris; Miss Ollie Mae Williams, Librarian of Bethal College; Sister Mary Canisius and Sister James Ellen, Librarian and Assistant Librarian of Nazareth College; Miss Mary Elizabeth Hunter, University of Alabama Library; Mrs. Ann Cohon and Mrs. R. L. Thurston, Murray State College Library; Mrs. Hensley Woodbridge; Miss Annie Lee Gunter, Miss Lochie Hart, Mr. Bob Putman, Miss Dolores Vinson, Miss Jean Wiggins, and Mrs. Wayne Williams, all of Murray. Mrs. Romelia H. Adams, Librarian of Jefferson County High School, Ky.; Sister Julia Frances, Librarian of St. Mary's Academy, Paducah, Ky.;

Mrs. Wells Overbey, Librarian of Murray High School, Ky.; Miss Patricia Sublette, Librarian of Pana High School, Ill.; Mrs. Dale White, Librarian of Lyon County High School, Ky.; a group of pupils from Ballard High School, Barlow, Ky.—Dorothy Compton, Kay Hulse, Sheila Morris, Anna Myre, Barbara Simmons,, and Pat Viets.

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lengthy, animated business session was held, during which the major policy-decisions were reached.

As a finale to the Convention,

everyone gathered in the college "Stable" for a social hour. The MSC Male Quartet and a talented tap-dancer provided a most enjoyable program; afterwards, song-bird Becky Adams led the entire group in singing.

Bright and early Sunday morning came the exodus, as the delegates and guests dispersed in all directions, via bus, train, and automobile—all were fired with renewed zeal and enthusiasm for Alpha Beta Alpha; and they took with them glowing memories of the wonderful all-out hospitality of the Epsilonites and of President Woods and the MSC faculty and staff.

CONVENTION FINANCIAL REPORT**Income—**

Registration Fees-----	\$ 55.00
Subsidy from College-----	100.00
Total Income-----	\$ 155.00

Expenses

Meals for Guests & Officers; & Tea-----	\$ 67.00
Flowers -----	18.00
Telephone -----	2.00
Banquet Favors -----	10.00
Printing -----	14.28
Delegates Travel -----	188.00
Photographs -----	12.24
Total Expenses-----	\$ 311.52
Subsidy from Fraternity	
Treasury -----	\$ 156.52

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News from Our Chapters

ALPHA CHAPTER

Northwestern State College,
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Robert Joynes and Tommie Blackbourne were Alpha's official delegates to the Louisiana Library Convention in Monroe. The delegates were the guests of the Association at the Annual Book Dinner, the highlight of the convention. They enjoyed hearing Mr. Edward L. Tinker, the distinguished author from New Orleans and New York deliver the Address of the evening. Also enjoying the convention were Nell Morgan, Mary Sue Bailey, Dr. Eugene P. Watson, Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, and Miss Agnes Clark from Alpha Chapter.

One of Alpha's most delightful socials of the year was held in the drawing room of Varnado Hall. At this time highly entertaining and enthusiastic reports were given by the members who had attended the Louisiana Library Convention and those who attended Alpha Beta Alpha's National Convention at Murray State College. Dorothy Carnahan, Pat Hankins and Fleming Thomas were highly impressed with our national convention and the way in which Epsilon Chapter entertained and cared for the guests.

Alpha Chapter assisted in giving a coffee honoring Hodding Carter, well known author, editor, publisher and a Pulitzer Prize Winner of 1946. Following the delightful coffee hour, Mr. Carter gave an excellent informal lecture at a general college honors assembly.

Alpha Chapter is quite proud of Clyde Miller, an alumni member, whose short novel, "The Gentle Season," is included in Mary Louise Aswell's *New Short Novels* published by Ballentine in both hardcover and paper-back editions this spring. It has received very favorable comment in *Saturday Review*, *New York Times* and other national magazines.

Alpha Chapter members were guests of the new parish library which opened March 22, in Natchitoches. Everyone was impressed with the view from the reading room

overlooking picturesque Cane River which flows through the center of Natchitoches. Equally impressive (On our hot spring days) is the complete air conditioning and the spacious work room. The club enjoyed refreshments served by two of our alumni members Miss Betsy Builteman, Librarian, and Mrs. Patsy Longlois, assistant librarian. At the business session following the tour of the library and refreshments, Fleming Thomas was recommended as a nominee for national treasurer and was unanimously accepted by the group. The club voted favorably on accepting Louisiana State University's petition for a chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha.

Alpha Chapter was very happy to welcome eleven new members with its spring initiation. The students initiated were Bessie Mae Davis, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bellew Bailey, Catherine Basco, Marc Wallace, Nell Morgan, Daisy Cox, Wanda Jordan, and Frank Petty, two professionals were Mr. William Bennett and Miss Mary Robson. Following the impressive initiation ceremony, the old and new members got better acquainted over the tea and coffee cups.

News from our alumni members is always welcome. Mary Alice Driscoll is now in North Japan with the army library service. Vernon Jordan was separated from the army in August and is now assistant librarian at McNeese State College in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Sallie Harper Helm is teacher-librarian at the State Industrial School for Girls at Pineville, Louisiana. Bill Williams is now a member of the Air Force and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Several of our recent graduates are serving as librarians in the high schools of the state; Millie Thompson at Vivian, Maurine Gray at Jennings, and Barbara Gray at Belcher. Many of our alumni are enjoying work in the public and parish libraries of the state; Ruth Ann Ellender in Caldwell Parish, Sallie Thibodeaux in Vermillion and Patsy Longlois in Natchitoches.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to our brides of 1953: to Sue Tucker who became the bride of Jack Kirkland Kimball Jr. to Mary Sue Bellew who became the bride of Alton Bailey, a graduate of Louisiana State University, to Annette Dailey who became the bride of J. F. Kincaid of Baton Rouge. Cards from Dorothy Moses McFatter and Claire Lucius Thompson announce the arrival of new members in their family—future ABA'ers, we hope.

Alpha Chapter has made several contributions to the outstanding activities of Northwestern State College in this school year. Congratulations are in order for Doris Gahagan, Pat Hankins, Daisy Cox, Bessie Mae Davis, Tommie Blackbourne, Sue Bellew Bailey, and Dorothy Carnahan. Doris was selected to represent her parish at the annual Cenla Game in Alexandria, Louisiana. Doris was chosen as one of the ten beauties at Northwestern and ROTC sponsor for this school year. Pat was selected as one of the official hostesses at the Natchitoches Christmas Festival in December. Daisy became a member of Purple Jackets, the girl's honorary organization on the campus. Dorothy and Sue became members of Kappa Delta Pi. Tommie is vice-president of Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatic society. Bessie Mae Davis was one of four freshman selected to be sophomore councillor's for 1954-55.

BETA CHAPTER

Mississippi State College for Women,
Columbus, Mississippi

Old news sent in previously, but not as yet used.

Our chapter was represented at the National Convention this year by Mary Jane Weaver, who is Vice President of the Beta Chapter, and by Cleo Battle, another one of our members.

Several of our programs in Alpha Beta Alpha this school year have been very interestingly presented to us by members our own faculty here at M.S.C.W. The topics these particular speakers used were of special interest to us as future librarians. Mrs. W. H. Mikesell, the wife of one of our psychology professors,

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gave a very interesting review of the play "The King and I" at our November meeting; a teacher from our art department presented the program for our January meeting and used as her topic, Costume Designing; of special interest to those who have studied Dickens was the program at our February meeting in which a professor from our English Department gave a very interesting talk on Dickens' characters.

The last meeting of the Beta Chapter this year will be a picnic. Officers for next year will be chosen at this time.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Indiana State Teachers College,
Terre Haute, Indiana

The high point of Gamma Chapter's year is always our Anniversary Dinner in February. Rose Williams was general chairman of the event this year, with Carol Molter, chairman of decorations; Nellie Brattain, invitations; Jeanette Inaba, program, working with her. The Hawaiian women students on our campus provided a lovely program of Hawaiian music and dances. We were pleased to have the following alumni members present: Mesdames Thelma Headley, Hazel Kiger, Bessie Hendrickson, Louise Campbell, Lucille Hoffhaus, Edna LaFollette, Elizabeth Bevington, Olivia Cascadden, Mildred Humphrey, Evelyn Lucas, Bonnie Smith, Dana Brown, and the Misses Helen Reed, Jessie Wolford, Mary Ann Peters, Margaret Turk, and Mr. Dale Jamison, as well as a number of actives, professional members, and guests.

The big event on our calendar in March was the National Convention. Those actives from Gamma Chapter attending were Donna Bailey, Sara Youman, Marilyn Nale, Nellie Brattain, and Virginia Shillings. Others from Gamma attending were Miss Nelle McCalla, sponsor and Mary Ann Peters, Alumna. They enjoyed the convention very much, and received a great amount of inspiration from it.

Our local March meeting was held at Wiley High School with Miss Margaret Turk, alumna, serving as

hostess. In April we visited Woodrow Wilson Junior High School where Mrs. Mildred Humphrey, another alumna, served as hostess. Highlights of the ABA National Convention were presented by Sara Youman, Marilyn Nale, Nellie Brattain and Donna Bailey, who had attended the convention at Murray. Plans were presented for observance of Founders' Day in accordance with the suggestion of the convention. Discussions were also held concerning our spring picnic and election of officers.

Gamma Chapter members served as hostesses for the Library Career Day held on our campus April 30. The day began with an opening by Miss Nelle McCalla, professor of Library Science and a welcome by the college president, Dr. Raleigh Holmstedt. The speaker for the first session was, Mr. Leonard Smith, President of the Indiana School Librarians Association, who spoke on "Librarianship as a Profession." A panel discussion was held on "Librarians and Their Training." Those participating in the panel were Miss Carolyn Whitnack, Director of Indiana School Libraries; Miss Pauline O'Melia, Library Science Division at Indiana University; Mr. Stillman Taylor, Librarian from the Terre Haute Public Library; Mr. Carson Bennett, Librarian at Rose Polytechnic Institute; and Mr. Wayne Schomer, Director of the Indiana State Teachers College Placement Bureau. The high-point of the day was the luncheon. The luncheon speaker was Mrs. Marguerite Henry, well-known author of teen-age stories and one-time winner of the Newberry Award, who talked about her latest books. She autographed books following the event.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Murray State College,
Murray, Kentucky

Our chapter has concentrated most of its effort this semester toward preparing for the national convention. When the place for the convention to be held was being considered, we wrote suggesting Murray State College. Since Murray is rather centrally located, we were selected.

Our organization is rather new, (established January 17, 1953), and

the membership is small, approximately 15 members. We knew we had a big job ahead and appointed committees to look after housing, publicity, the luncheon, the banquet, tours, the tea, etc. early. Dr. Woods, President of M.S.C., was over-joyed that the convention was to be here and gave us needed financial support.

Pledgeship for Frances Fox, Barbara Grubbs, Jacqueline Vaughn, and Dr. Hensley Woodbridge was begun March 1. They were initiated the night of the banquet, March 20.

We are now planning a field trip to Nashville May 14. to visit the elementary, junior-high, high school, college, and public libraries there. All library science students will be invited to go.

DELTA CHAPTER

University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Delta Chapter initiated eleven members and pledged seven new members for the second semester at an impressive ceremony on March 8.

We were well represented at the National Convention with six of our members, who gave an enthusiastic report at our last meeting. We were honored to have the national president, Betty Barrow, from our chapter.

Some of our outstanding programs of the year were the celebration of our first anniversary with a tea at the University Club, a Christmas party, and talks by members of the faculty on subjects such as remedial reading.

An alumna, Mrs. Laura Gaines Sprott, librarian of the Troy High School, was elected president of the Alabama Education Association for 1954-55. This is the first time a librarian has been elected to this office.

ZETA CHAPTER

Concord College,
Athens, West Virginia

We in Zeta have experienced a very successful and enjoyable year.

Usually after we hold our regular business meetings, we have a little social get together. Cocoa and cookies are served. After the formality

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of the business meeting, we all like this social atmosphere and it makes us look forward to the meetings more eagerly. Once for entertainment, which also furthered our acquaintances with books, Mrs. Margaret Bengert, English teacher, presented a book review on **The Golden Hand**. The presentation was very interesting and informational.

Our president, Joan Hurly recently returned from the National Convention at Murray, Kentucky. Her trip proved enjoyable and beneficial.

We are proud to have six new pledges. A luncheon was held February 27, and pledging service immediately followed. The new pledges are: Jane Bird, Mary Blankenship, Kathryn Bryson, Frances Pettry, Billie Rae Hill, and Robert Joyce. Alumni present for the occasion were, Juanita Grant, Nancy Canterbury, and Thelma Compton. Having pledged six members, maybe our group will now have more influence, since we will not be such a small group next year.

The new pledges attended their first meeting March 9th. They have planned out a special program for the April meeting.

Arlene Hill, treasurer, is our only active who will graduate in May. Joan Hurly, president, will graduate in July.

Hope you have all had a wonderful year! We have!

ETA CHAPTER

Texas State College for Women,
Denton, Texas

Miss Genevieve Dixon became director of the Department of Library Science at T.S.C.W. in October, 1953. Miss Dixon has been very active in library service in several states, having been librarian at the Laboratory School at the University of Chicago, and director of the Library science at Kansas State Teachers College. Miss Dixon and Miss Dora Floyd, Instructor of Cataloging and classification, became active professional members of Eta Chapter in the fall, 1953.

Since September Alpha Beta Alpha has sponsored two outstanding pro-

jects in which all the members were urged to participate. The selling of sandwiches at the beginning of the school year was not only profitable but gave an opportunity for the members to become better acquainted. The second undertaking was the contribution to the scholarship fund of T.S.C.W.

In December an election was held for the offices vacated by graduating seniors. Joyce Phillips replaced Jean Dickinson as president, Joyce Gess replaced Joyce Phillips as parliamentarian and Mrs. Margarette Quillin replaced Joyce Morrison as vice-president.

THETA CHAPTER

Arizona State College,
Tempe, Arizona

Theta Chapter sponsored a tea on February 24 to honor Marguerite Henry author of more than 29 children's books. More than 70 valley librarians, Matthews library friends and A.B.A. members attended. Mrs. Henry who received the Newbery Medal in 1949 for "King of the Wind" spoke to the group about how she gathers materials for her books. She was accompanied by her editor Mary Alice Jones who is affiliated with the Methodist National Education Program. We were quite honored to have our reception appear on a local T.V. station.

IOTA CHAPTER

San Jose State College,
San Jose, California

Our first initiation since our organization last spring was held on February 17, 1954, with an impressive candlelight ceremony for fifteen initiates. It was followed by an Italian dinner at Mr. Anthony's.

At the February 10th meeting of our Iota Chapter of ABA, the members enthusiastically voted to send our president, Doris Gourley, to the Biennial Convention in Murray, Kentucky, and arrangements were made for her trip. Unfortunately Miss Gourley met with an accident, which prevented her going. It was too late then to make arrangements to send anyone else, which we regretted very much.

NEW MEMBERS

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Quebdeaux, Assistant Librarian, Southwest Medical School, University of Texas, Dallas Texas; Frances Sherrill; Mrs. Frances Stallworth, Graduate Student, TSCW, Denton, Tex.; Mary Louise Thaxton, Librarian, Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie, Tex.

Mrs. Marjorie O'Donnell TheBerge, Graduate Student, TSCW, Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Van V. Van Meter, Librarian, Bishop High School, Bishop, Tex.; and Mrs. Lois Womack, Librarian, Plainview Junior High School, Plainview, Tex.

THETA CHAPTER

Student Member: Doris Smith,
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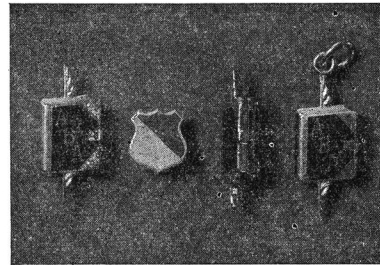
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Alumni	48	48	47	110	17	14	44	19	67	414
Contributing	1	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	12
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